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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment to the title.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

Please replace the title on page 1, lines 2-5 of the specification as follows:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

GENE PARTICIPATING IN ACETIC ACID TOLERANCE, ACETIC ACID BACTERIA
BRED USING THE GENE, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING VINRGAR VINEGAR
WITH THE USE OF THE ACETIC ACID BACTERIA